



S.Con.Res. 27- A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day"

S.Con.Res. 27 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY) on April 12, 2007 and was referred to the Armed Services Committee. It was reported out of the Senate on July 16 by unanimous consent.

S.Con.Res. 27 is expected to be considered on the Floor of the House of Representatives on July 30, 2007.

Summary

S.Con.Res. 27 supports the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day" by encouraging all people in the United States to learn about the history of the Purple Heart and to honor its recipients. It also calls upon the people of the United States to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for members of the Armed Forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

"National Purple Heart Recognition Day" will be celebrated on August 7, 2007.

Background

The Purple Heart was originally conceived as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington on August 7, 1782. It is a combat decoration awarded to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded by an instrument of war wielded by the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of members who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action.

1.5 million Purple Heart Medals have been awarded to members of the Armed Forces fighting in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and other expeditionary conflicts. Of those 1.5 million more than 500,000 are still living today.

CBO Estimate

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not yet scored this legislation.

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